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1. Y.T. WONG, DIRECTOR OF BOFT, INFORMED EMBOFF
OCTOBER 3 THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON AT RE-
QUEST OF ROC EMBASSY TO "HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH USG
OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL BILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS." HE
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED MUSHROOMS AND FERROUS SCRAP.
SEPARATE MESSAGE ON LATTER FOLLOWS.

2. EMBOFF REMINDED WONG THAT AT SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING
IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT DEPARTMENT WISHES ARRANGEMENT
ON MUSHROOMS TO BE WORKED OUT IN TAIPEI BETWEEN EMBASSY
AND BOFT. THEREFORE, WHILE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING
DISCUSS ISSUES INVOLVED AND PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION WONG REQUIRES, IT IS NOT PREPARED TO
NEGOTIATE AN ARRANGEMENT DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.
WONG STATED HE APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S POSITION BUT THE
ROC IS NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN ARRANGEMENT UNLESS
IT INCLUDES KOREA, AND TAIPEI IS NOT THE PROPER LOCALE
FOR TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

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3. WONG STATED THAT FOLLOWING EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE OF

SEPTEMBER 6 HE AND/OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR H.K. SHAO HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS OF MUSHROOM ISSUE WITH KOREAN EMBASSY IN TAIPEI. KOREANS WERE INFORMED THAT ROC WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH USG ON THE BASIS OF "EQUITY", I.E., ROC SHARE OF US MARKET WOULD BE MAINTAINED AND NO OTHER PRODUCER NOT PARTY TO THE ARRANGEMENT (READ PRC) WOULD BE PERMITTED TO FLOOD US WITH MUSHROOMS AT ROC EXPENSE. ACCORDING TO WONG, ROC PROPOSAL IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO KOREA. KOREA WILL ENTER ARRANGEMENT ONLY IF IT IS GRANTED LARGER SHARE OF US MARKET THAN WOULD BE WARRANTED BY CY 1972 OR CY 1973 SHIPMENTS. KOREA DOESN'T CARE WHERE ADDITIONAL POUNDS COME FROM BUT OBVIOUSLY, ACCORDING TO WONG, ANY INCREASE FOR KOREA WOULD BE AT ROC EXPENSE.

4. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S INFORMAL MEMO OF SEPTEMBER 6, WONG STATED THAT EXPORT LEVEL OF 32.76 MILLION POUNDS FOR 1974 PROVIDED GOOD BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION BUT THAT IT WAS USELESS TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS UNTIL LARGER ISSUE OF "EQUITY" RESOLVED. IF KOREA IS WILLING TO ACCEPT CY 1972 AND PROJECTED BY 1973 EXPORTS AS BASIS FOR ARRANGMENT, ROC POSSIBLY COULD DO THE SAME. BUT AS OF NOW THERE IS NO EVIDENCE KOREA WILL ACCEPT US PROPOSAL.

5. WONG STATED THAT HE HOPES TO MEET WITH KOREAN EMBASSY REPS WHILE IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM ROC EMBASSY IN SEOUL, KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS SENT NEGOTIATION INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

6. EMBOFF WILL MEET WITH WONG AGAIN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR US TO REVIEW STATUS OF MUSHROOM PROBLEM BUT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY A FORMAL RESPONSE TO US PROPOSAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
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